

that I do believe things have changed in the last 18 years, and the people that testified at the hearing, Nebraska county representative, Nebraska County Attorneys Association, Douglas County Attorney Association, Omaha Police Department, Buffalo County Attorney's Office, Nebraska Sheriffs Association, Nebraska State Patrol, Scottsbluff Police Department, which says it's clear across the state, from one end to the other, the Attorney General's Office, and we did have a letter from the Attorney General from Oklahoma, and I do just want to point out, and you have that letter on your desk that states, in fact, a study by the Bureau of Justice Statistics demonstrated that 62.5 percent of all persons placed on probation will be rearrested within three years. I also just want to mention the fact that it was pointed out in the discussion that some of the witnesses are unreliable. Every witness's credibility can be attacked at a trial. Every jury has an opportunity to weigh each witness's credibility. Why should we preempt this testimony because it may be unreliable, when really a jury decides the reliability of all the evidence? We also have an amendment that will address the concern about children being used or minors being used as undercover agents. They could only be used if they had parental consent or guardian consent. In closing, I would again like to emphasize that this statute, 29-2262.01, is a law that actually allows criminals to obtain immunity from prosecution while committing crimes against law-abiding Nebraskans. This statute prohibits persons on parole, probation, or in jail from cooperating with law enforcement officials. If we move this bill, it will greatly help our law enforcement agencies fight crime. It will be of no additional cost to taxpayers, and you could go and tell your constituents that you voted to give law enforcement officers in Nebraska an investigation tool that every other law enforcement officer in this country already has. I ask for your support to place LB 943 on General File. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is, shall LB 943 be placed on General File notwithstanding the action of the committee? Membership is reminded that for this motion to be successful 30 votes will be required. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: (Microphone not activated)...for a call of the house, a record (sic) vote in reverse order.